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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Pomona – Student Arrested for Allegedly Threatening to 'Shoot Up' Schools

(U) A middle school student was arrested for threatening gun violence at two Pomona schools in a social media post told investigators it was a joke, police said. Administrators were notified by students and parents of a post in which there were threats to "shoot up" Marshall Middle School and Ganesha High School later that week, according to the Pomona Police Department. Resource officers determined the account belonged to a student at Marshall Middle School. When contacted, the juvenile student who was not identified, told police the post was not intended to be serious. The student was arrested on suspicion of violating a section of the state penal code referred to as criminal threats.

SOURCE: 3 February 2022, Los Angeles Times

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – US Border Patrol Agents Fired Upon from Mexico

(U) Rio Grande Valley – US Border Patrol agents patrolling the Rio Grande Valley Sector were fired upon from across the Mexican border. The Special Operations Group, part of Border Patrol Tactical Operations (BORTAC), were shot at from beyond the border, and then returned fire; nobody on either side was hit. Mexican military had engaged with cartel members in a shootout on the Mexican side, at which point a man fled and tried to cross into the US via a nearby river. When a BORTAC agent jumped into the water to rescue him, the agent was fired upon.

SOURCE: 3 February 2022, Fox News

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia - Man Arrested for Parking in Front of Supreme Court Returns in Same Vehicle

(U) Washington – A man who was arrested after parking his SUV in front of the Supreme Court last year returned yesterday, prompting a closure of the area and some nearby streets, officials said. Dale Paul Melvin, who had "illegally parked" his vehicle outside the building in October 2021, parked his Chevy Tahoe in front of the Court again. In October, he was arrested on charges of failure to obey and assault on a police officer. Yesterday morning, following his arrival, investigators spoke with Melvin, and no arrests were made. The incident is under investigation.

SOURCE: 3 February 2022, NBC News

(U) Illinois – City Bracing for Protests Over Release of Former Cop Convicted of Murdering Teen

(U) Chicago – Chicago is bracing for massive protests due to the prison release of former city police officer Jason Van Dyke, 43, who was convicted of murder in the 2014 line-of-duty shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. Van Dyke was let go from the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections yesterday morning. His release came after he served half of a six-year, nine-month sentence he was given in 2019. In anticipation of Van Dyke's release, Chicago police and city officials met with business leaders for a security briefing.

SOURCE: 3 February 2022, ABC7

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(U) Tennessee - Ongoing Drug Investigation Results in 39 Indictments

(U) Knoxville – Thirty-nine people have been indicted following a nearly two-year undercover investigation into a violent drug trafficking organization that has ties to at least three states. Through the execution of multiple search warrants, traffic stops, and extensive surveillance operations, agents seized large quantities of illegal narcotics that were primarily supplied from individuals residing in Indiana and Georgia. Additionally, agents have seized multiple firearms that were found to be in the possession of violent convicted felons and other prohibited individuals.

SOURCE: 3 February 2022, EIN Presswire

(U) Vermont – States Seek to Protect Election Workers Amid Growing Threats

(U) Montpelier – Lawmakers in a handful of states are seeking greater protections for election officials amid growing concerns for their safety after they were targeted by threats of violence following the 2020 presidential election. Widespread threats against those who oversee elections, from secretaries of state to county clerks and even poll workers. To counter the threats, lawmakers have introduced bills so far in Vermont and several other states. Much of the legislation would create or boost criminal liability for threats and assaults against election workers.

SOURCE: 3 February 2022, AP News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Kenya – Kenya on High Alert After Terror Attacks

(U) Nairobi – Kenya remains on high alert following a series of terror attacks that have killed at least 15 people over the past few weeks. It comes after the US, UK, and France warned their nationals of an impending attack in Kenya citing credible intelligence. In the latest incident, four people were killed in the north-eastern region of Wajir, when their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device. All the recent attacks have been blamed on the Somalia based al-Shabab militant group, which has continued to carry out strikes on Kenyan soil particularly aimed at security forces.

SOURCE: 3 February 2022, BBC

(U) Pakistan – Seven Troops, 13 Separatists Killed in Attacks

(U) Nairobi – Twin attacks by separatists on Pakistani military posts in the volatile southwestern Baluchistan province triggered intense firefights that lasted hours and killed seven soldiers and 13 assailants, Pakistan's interior minister and the military said. In one of the attacks, four soldiers and nine militants were killed when the assailants raided a security camp in Baluchistan's remote Naushki district. The other attack, on a security post in the province's Panjgur area, killed three soldiers and four militants. A recently formed separatist group, the Baluchistan Nationalist Army, has claimed responsibility for the attacks.

SOURCE: 3 February 2022, ABC News

(U) United Arab Emirates - Drone Attack Blocked, Group Claims Responsibility

(U) Dubai – The United Arab Emirates (UAE) said it intercepted three drones that entered its airspace over unpopulated areas, in the latest attack in the past few weeks. The drone attack was claimed by little-known "True Promise Brigades," citing UAE interference in Yemen and Iraq as justification, according to US-based SITE Intelligence Group, which follows militant websites. The UAE defense ministry said it was taking "all necessary measures" to protect the country. SOURCE: 3 February 2022, Reuters

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